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1. The Magdeburg railway division needs about 300 km of rails for urgent improvements and additions. The Max-Hütte at Unterwellenborn is no longer in a position this year to supply rail material. Also, according to orders of the general railway administration, the rails delivered by the Max-Hütte are not to be used on stretches of especially heavy traffic because the Max-Hütte has available only material with a high sulphur content.
2. In March 1954 the Magdeburg railway management forwarded 196 freight cars for the VEB Eisen-und Hüttenwerk Thale; 84 of these were destined for the Soviet Union. The Thale works has asked for 113 covered freight cars, but only 63 could be supplied.

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